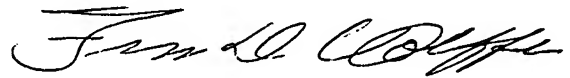


REMARKS

By this amendment, an Abstract has been inserted and multiple dependencies have been eliminated. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Examination on the merits of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Annexed hereto is a marked-up version of the amendments made in the instant amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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1. Marked-Up Version of Amendments Made
2. Abstract of the Disclosure

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Marked-Up Version of Amendments Made**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 7, 9, 10, and 11, have been amended herein as follows:

7. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 5—~~or 6~~, characterized in that a ~~levelling~~leveling device is placed above the conveyor belt upstream of the measuring member for ~~levelling~~leveling to a uniform height the material carried along on the conveyor belt.

9. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of the claims 4-8~~claim 4, characterized in that the supply vessel is tiltable.

10. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of the claims 4-9~~claim 4, characterized in that the apparatus is also suitable for preparing bulk material with the desired moisture content in that a water supply device is placed above the supply vessel in order to supply water to the supply vessel.

11. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in ~~any of the claims 4-10~~claim 4, characterized in that the apparatus is provided with a dispensing device for dispensing additives.